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Subject: Petition Against the Duke Energy Rate Increase

Dear Commissioners:

As a Duke Energy electric customer, I encourage you to closely examine the Duke Energy electric rate proposal (2018-319-e) when it comes before you, Specifically, I am concerned that:

Duke Energy's proposal to increase the basic facilities charge, a fixed cost from \$8.29 to over \$28. This would make this mandatory fee one of the highest in the country and much higher than the other investor-owned utility in South Carolina which recently lowered its fixed cost.

The increase in this mandatory fee takes away customer control over my energy bill robs me of the full benefit of energy conservation efforts. It is important that you protect older consumers who may live on a fixed income.

I am against this fee increase which will affect ALL of us even non-Duke customers. Not the customers fault. They need to mothball what is already there & save it because we'll probable need it one day. That increase is outrageous. Also DUKE & every other electrical provider must be made to SHOW all charges & for what on the bills. People are entitled to know what they are paying for. Keep trying to find a buyer for the plant or convert it to natural gas maybe. OR maybe to coal gas production and usage (re; Eastman).

Sincerely,
Helen Chandler

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